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TO CATCH IRISH VOTE.

The San Francisco Call is not a yellow journal, but like all respectable newspapers, it denounces the brazen effrontery and unlimited gall of those breeders of crime, especially the Hearst organs, which are considered by all respectable people to be one a par with the Police Gazette, which has been denied admission through the mails on account of its rank obscenity.

Yellow journalism for a long while hesitated to make unwarranted use of the pope's name for self-advertising purposes, but finding, upon printing a few tentative cards from Rome, that American Catholics did not resent the use of the pontiff's name in the glorification of Hearst, the Hearst papers now forge papal blessings and interviews as freely as if the pope were a performer in vaudeville. Hearst maintains a notorious faker as his Roman correspondent, a man who used to be a tramp printer, and from the facile pen of this special commissioner come invented stories that are bringing the papal name into contempt among persons silly and ignorant enough to believe that his holiness has nothing better to do than puff and compliment William Randolph Hearst.

Under the headline, "His Holiness Gives Benediction to All Readers of the Hearst Newspapers," the Examiner yesterday printed a typical fake, dated Rome, marked copyrighted—as if anyone would steal it—and labeled "special by cable to New York and by leased wire, the longest in the world."

The pope, of course, will never see the Hearst papers, and if he did happen to see them, to take any notice of them would be quite beneath his dignity. If Hearst is to be rebuked for his misuse of the pope's name, the rebuke must come unofficially from the Catholic people of America. They, too, may deem it not worth while to punish the Hearst papers for publishing such manifest absurdities, and perhaps it is as well to let the matter rest, but it is strange that Catholics, who are usually so quick to resent slurs upon their religion, should submit so tamely to the unauthorized exploitation of the pope, as an advertising agent for W. R. Hearst.

To Catholics the pope is a sacred person, for he is the vice regent of Christ and the successor of Peter. He is respected, therefore, more reverentially than temporal rulers, and in the minds of Catholics to ridicule or insult the head of the universal church is not only to commit a most offensive breach of good taste, but to insult the religion which he represents and the people of whom he is the paternal ruler in matters of faith and morals. Even to non-Catholics the pope is possibly the most dignified and venerable personage in the world. If the Hearst papers, however, are permitted to continue advertising the pope as a satellite of the great and only Hearst we shall probably soon have the Examiner setting up Hearst as the supreme ablegate of the pope in America.

WAR MACHINES.

That student of men who concludes that wars will cease when the chances of escaping death or injury are reduced to such a point that men will no longer take them has human nature on his side, no matter what the critics may say. What the critics are saying is that, in the great battles between the Russians and Japanese, where all of the latest and most destructive of modern war engines have been employed, there has been no indication of a loss of courage among the soldiers of either army, and no shrinking from charges or assaults upon or against armies or positions so strongly fortified with the newest guns and highest explosives as to make the death rate appalling. Nowhere has there been shown a decrease in the valor of mankind, or a fear of death, in the face of new inventions greater than in the face of the older ones.

All of which is a begging of the entire question. Anybody with a knowledge of men understands how, in the heat of action, and the actual shock of war itself, no machine can ever be invented which will make them afraid. For then not only is national pride and

spirit most appealed to, but the pride and spirit of the individual man is aroused to that point where every other feeling is subordinated to them. It is then, with the roar of the battle around him, and the smell of blood and powder tainting the atmosphere he breathes, that man rushes into the deadly chase with that fierce delight which is called the joy of battle. Recklessness rather than bravery becomes then the inspiration of the mass and against such a purely animal impulse human ingenuity can never build a war machine equal to its destruction.

But with the perfection of war machinery, and the trebling or quadrupling of mortality in war, there will surely come a harking back to first law of nature, which is the one of self-preservation. When the progress of invention in war machines goes on until man finds his chance of survival in battle reduced to nearly nothing, he will surely beat his swords into plowshares and his spears into pruning hooks. There is a glory in dying for one's country, but it is not equal in its practical results, to the glory of trying to die and failing in the attempt. When the mortuary statistics of modern warfare are studied in the intervals of peace, and men are able to realize that the chance of being killed or maimed has become greater than the chance of escaping with a whole skin, the millennium of peace will begin to dawn.

MONEY WORSHIP.

The cheapening effect on human nature that money worship has cannot be declared too often. Money worship overlooks good deeds and honest hearts. It snubs deserving men and shows no respect for women. It mistakes clothes for the man and showiness for brains. It judges no man by what he is, but every one by what he has. To the money worshipper externals are everything; character is no badge of respectability. Have money and you are somebody; be without money and you are not worth considering. The money worshipper professes a love for art, because he thinks it tactful, but he disdains the artist if the artist has genius sans money. He calls immortality "bohemianism" and sneers at the "simple life" as being plebeian. He is narrow, selfish, proud, and unimaginative. All the energies of the pulpit and the rostrum, the school and the press should make war on this stifling tendency of the age. It is a matter that affects the very life of the human race. If the subject is old, the war should not for that reason be dropped. On the other hand, because it is old, the attacks should be continued with growing earnestness.

RELIEVING THE FARMER.

Another new method of relieving the farmer of his surplus cash has appeared in Washington. A smooth stranger appears and offers to sell a graphophone with twenty discs for \$15, and gives a discount of \$10, which makes the entire outfit cost but \$5. The machine plays some pretty music, and the farmer is induced to invest \$5 for the sake of securing music in his home. The payment is to be made on delivery, but a contract is required. The contract specifies that the purchaser is to take the graphophone at \$5 and is to have twenty discs with the machine, but a clause in smaller type provides that he is to pay \$15 each for these discs. This brings the total purchase price to \$305. It is time the farmer or any other person should positively refuse to sign any alleged contracts without first carefully scrutinizing every word, figure and line. Do this and thus save much trouble. Still better, make such purchases at a reliable establishment in your home town. In other words, "cut out" this purchasing at random.—Salem Statesman.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman. Dowie values his assets at \$21,000,000, not to speak of a healthy beard and a fine vocabulary of hard names.

The Philadelphia Inquirer asks: "After Linevitch, who?" According to the dispatches, Oyama.

A dispatch tells of a Boston actress who has made a fortune trading diamonds. Anybody ought to be able to make a fortune trading an actress' diamonds for real ones.

It is estimated that there are fifty ways for a young man to work his way through college and there are more than 50 ways for a young man to loaf his way through.

Medical authorities seem surprised at the prevalence of tuberculosis among hogs, although the most notable characteristic of the hog is consumption.

There is considerable difference between the headache acquired through celebration and the one which comes of trying to forget.

When an Astoria man come home very late at night he never knows whether there is money in his pocket the next morning, because of the fact

of his coming home late, or because his wife was smart enough to know he wouldn't mention the subject.

General Linevitch seems to understand that the situation in Manchuria is one which calls for steady travel rather than strategy.

It is stated that the professors of the University of Chicago are to take a hand in the investigation of the bees' trust, and you won't be able to believe either side.

A New York man forged a check for \$2,800,000 and was arrested while trying to cash it. If he had made it \$2,80 he might have cashed it, or if he had come to Astoria, most any of the saloons would have cashed it and the police wouldn't have known anything about it.

The New York board of education has abolished sewing and physical culture as fads in the public schools. It would be interesting to learn their estimate of what are to be esteemed as utilities in training the children in large cities.

Apparently the management of the Portland exposition desires the public to understand that the show is designed to entertain and instruct visitors rather than to tire them out with long distance travel and to bewilder them with the immensity of the exhibits.

COUNTY COURT.

Large Amount of Business Transacted at Yesterday's Session.

At the second day's session of the county court yesterday commissioner Clarke and Larson were present. The following business was transacted:

In the matter of the improvement of the county road from Van Dusen's Astoria to the John Day, the bids were considered too high and all were rejected.

In the matter of the bridge across Mall creek the bid of Loughton & Duncan was accepted for \$145, they to furnish a bond in the sum of \$200. Commissioner Clark was instructed to purchase the lumber.

The roadmaster was instructed to prepare plans for a bridge across Culaby lake and file with the county clerk and as soon as filed the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for building the bridge to be opened on Wednesday, May 3.

Ordered that the county surveyor and roadmaster re-establish the lines of the road running from the O'Hana bridge to the north line of district No. 2.

The road master was instructed to purchase the necessary tools for road district No. 1 and turn them over to the supervisor.

Communication from J. P. Scothan relative to rock on the Elk creek road was taken under advisement.

The county surveyor, roadmaster and A. L. Parker were appointed viewers to meet at Dutch John's on Tuesday, April 25, and complete the survey of road district No. 13.

Complaints having been filed about the crossings on the county road as the mill of the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company at Seaside, the roadmaster was ordered to see that the proper crossings and protection to the public is maintained by the Seaside company and that the clerk notify it of the order of the court.

Mrs. Bruce Warenton was allowed \$10 a month until further order of the court.

J. W. Reith was awarded the contract to improve road No. 92 on the Lewis and Clark for \$972.50 and to furnish a bond in the sum of \$1000.

The court adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Charles A. Smith Drowned.

Charles A. Smith, a saw filer in the employ of the Bremer logging camp at Casey, in this county, was drowned yesterday morning in the Columbia river in front of the city.

Sam E. Harris, George Ackerman and Smith were in a launch with the intention of going out to the camp, Smith having come in yesterday with a friend who had his foot injured and was taken to the hospital for surgical attention. This morning at 6:30 o'clock the start was made back to the camp but as soon as the launch got into the stream the engine refused to work and the boat drifted down with a very strong ebb tide and current. When it was seen that the launch would strike a coal barge that was alongside the American ship St. Nicholas, at the old Kinney wharf, the three men prepared to jump on board the barge to save themselves as it was expected that the shock would overturn the launch. Ackerman jumped first and after he had assisted Harris onto the barge it was noticed that Smith had disappeared. After some moments he was seen swimming in the river, having evidently been knocked overboard and had gone under the barge, but was uninjured. The lighthouse tender Heather was at the wharf below and as he passed it, he cried out: "Throw me a line" and as soon as possible First Officer Hamerstrom had a boat lowered and went to his assistance. Before he could be reached, however, he sank, nearly a mile from where he went overboard. His body has not been recovered and there is but slight hope of it. He was an un-

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married man, about 30 years of age and had lived in this section for about 10 years with his home generally at Tillamook, where he has a married sister. Through his industrious habits he had saved a few thousand dollars and was about to purchase a ranch in Tillamook county. He was a man of excellent habits and had contemplated being married during the coming summer and settled down to the life of a rancher.

R. M. Gaston, at his feed stable No. 105 14th street, offers for sale a Landis harness machine; one butcher's wall scales, will be sold cheap.

CHILDREN
IF YOU HAVE ANY THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

"So many little boys and girls come into our store who are weak, thin-legged and hollow-cheeked," said Mr. Rogers, our well known druggist, "it seems a shame to allow them to remain so, for they will grow up into weak, sickly and nervous men and women, without the vitality to work or enjoy life."

"If," continued Mr. Rogers, "the fathers and mothers of such children would believe what we say of Vinol, we would see a great difference in the appearance of the younger generation of this city. You know Vinol is not a patent medicine, and is just the tonic growing children need. It will make for them good, healthy flesh, sound bone, hard muscle and rich, red blood."

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